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Remarks of Senator Humbert H. Humphrey  
at the Chicago Airport  
Wednesday, October 21, 1964.

Senator Humphrey. Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you. Just a minute. I just want to say that to come to Chicago, Illinois, and to be greeted by the outstanding Mayor of this great city, (applause) and to know that I am in the land of democracy, where the Democrats are going to roll up a majority that will look like a tidal wave, I surely want each and every one of you to know that we have had a remarkable trip. We have had a great campaign. We are looking forward to being back in Chicago on Monday next, and in the meantime -- (applause) -- we are going to go over to Gary, Indiana, tonight, where Mayor Katz has a little gathering over there.

We are going to tell the truth on the Republicans and that will be the end of them. (Applause and laughter)

And that truth is that the present spokesman of the Republican Party who is the temporary spokesman of a fraction of a faction of reaction of the Republican Party (laughter) that spokesman has no interest in a better Chicago, no interest in a better America, no real understanding of the problems of our world, and that man is going to have a chance of a lifetime. Back to the store in '64 for Barry. (Applause and laughter)

Mr. Mayor, I want to thank you very much for bringing out such a wonderful crowd for us. I am delighted to see here my friends from the universities (applause), my friends from all these many wards in Chicago.

I remember not long ago we were at the eleventh ward party and we had a great time.

I am delighted to see here good Democrats, good Democrats from every section of Cook County, and believe me, friends, Cook County is going to do in 1964 what it has done year after year. It is going to do for Lyndon Johnson what it did for John Kennedy, and that means the election of President Johnson for four years.

Thank you. (Applause)

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BY  
SENATOR HUBERT HUMPHREY  
GARY, INDIANA  
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Two weeks from now, America must decide whether a small faction of political extremists will hold the destiny of the United States in their inexperienced and fumbling hands or whether we will continue under the proven leadership of Lyndon Johnson.

The choice is a simple one--the choice is between recklessness and responsibility.

I come here tonight to warn you--loyal and enthusiastic Democrats, thoughtful Independents, and Republicans whose party has abandoned them--that America and the world cannot afford to gamble with government by amateurs, nor with government by radicals, nor with government by extremists.

In choosing the next President of the United States, the people of America must base their decision on performance--not promises.

American leadership in the world must confront the momentous changes taking place within the Communist movement. Do you want a group of impetuous adventurers playing nuclear "chicken" in such perilous times?

Can we afford to trust a man whose idea of foreign policy is "to lob (a missile) into the men's room of the Kremlin and make sure I hit it,"?

On the basis of performance--not promises--Lyndon Johnson stands alone as the one person qualified to assume the fearful burden of the Presidency for the next four years. He stands as the one person qualified to preserve the peace of the world--to insure the national security of the United States.

Performance is the true test of a man. Performance separates great leaders from the second-raters. Performance is the one basis on which America can make the correct choice.

And make no mistake about it--there is not room for error in electing the President of the United States. There is no second chance. There is no opportunity to repair the damage for at least four more years--and in today's four years may be too late.

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You Hoosiers, by inclination and geographical location, are in the mainstream of American life.

You accept the ideas, principles and traditions of the American people.

Most Americans--whether Democrats or Republicans, liberals or conservatives, northerners or southerners--agree generally about these ideas.

We have differences of opinion about which problems are most urgent, which techniques should be used to solve them, and what the proper tempo of change should be.

But most of us agree there is a need for constant social and economic progress for all Americans. Most of us agree government has an important role to play in achieving this progress. Most of us agree government should work in partnership with labor, business, the farmers, churches, and other groups and organizations.

As a Democrat, I believe our party has always been in the forefront of this fight for social and economic progress--that we have been the pacesetters for America--that we have been concerned with the needs of all the people.

The finest tribute to the Democratic Party has come from the Republican party when they have accepted our achievements. We enacted the Social Security program. We set the fair minimum wage for workers. We established programs to put the unemployed back to work. We made plans to turn the cities into better places in which to live. And most Republicans accepted these achievements as good for America.

Suddenly Senator Goldwater appears and he wants to repeal the past and veto the future. He wants to curb the unions. He wants to end farm programs. He wants to reduce opportunities for education. And he wants to destroy the Social Security system by making it voluntary.

He wants a weaker Presidency. He wants to pack the Supreme Court. He wants to revise the American Constitution.

These are the plans of a man bent upon the destruction of the policies and institutions which comprise America as we know it.

These plans are plans of a radical--not a conservative.

The American people understand that the responsible Republican leaders have temporarily lost control of their party to the apostles of discord, radicalism and extremism.

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The United States is a great, diverse nation of almost 200 million people. The overwhelming majority--whether Democrats or Republicans--are loyal to the fundamental values of our society. The overwhelming majority are committed to those priceless ideals we hold in common--faith in our future, mutual trust, and the spirit of liberty.

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"Let us put an end to the teaching and the preaching of hate and evil and violence. Let us turn away from the fanatics of the far left and the far right, from the apostles of bitterness and **bigotry**, from those defiant of law, and those who pour venom into our nation's bloodstream."

The overwhelming majority of Americans know that performance--not promises--is the true test of a man.

In Lyndon Johnson we have a man tested as few men in our history: by public service under four presidents, by leadership in the Congress of the United States, by sudden elevation under tragic and dreadful circumstances to the White House.

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⑨ Education - Training

⑩ Elderly - Housing - Medical  
Support for Disabled

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people of America do not exercise the right to vote,

this election can be lost and this country can fall

into the hands of a radical minority.



In choosing the next President of the United States, the people of America must base their decision on performance -- not words and promises.

↳ The American President must have the knowledge and experience to understand and to deal with the momentous changes taking place within the world Communist structure. ↳ No group of political adventurers can be trusted to lead our nation. ↳ No Goldwater radical can be trusted with the awesome burdens of the United States Presidency.

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Armory  
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Senator Humphrey. Thank you very much.

My good friends of Lake County and all the many communities that are so well represented here tonight, I am simply delighted that at long last I have been given the privilege of coming to this great Democratic stronghold because we need you. When we think of a Democratic victory in 1964, the first city that we think of in Indiana to give us that victory is Gary. (Applause) And when we think of the counties, the counties in America that are going to give us the victory, we think of two right offhand. First we think of Cook County and then of Lake County. (Applause)

Well, you are a patient audience and you are seeing a candidate for Vice-President that has been doing a good deal of talking today and a lot everyday since that day in Atlantic City when the President of the United States went before that convention and saw to it that I had a good reference and a good recommendation. In fact, I think I have the unique privilege of being the first vice-presidential candidate that was openly nominated by the President of the United States. (Applause)

I understand my good friend Ray Madden, the best Congressman that anybody could ever hope to have representing him -- (Applause) -- I understand that Ray has been holding forth here telling you the truth about the Republicans and telling you a little about the Democrats and reminding you that this is a mighty important election, and, Ray, while you were here holding forth, I had the mayor over in the neighboring village just on the other side of the road, that place called Chicago, Mayor Katz and myself were saying to each other, "Well, Congressman Madden is having the time of his life tonight." (Applause -- Laughter)

We decided that you as a member of the House of Representatives where they have a limitation on speeches of five minutes, that you were entitled at least to one hour back home with the folks. (Applause)

So may I just say that to come once again to your District to see this good friend of mine, this man who has many blessings-- first of all he was blessed by being born in Minnesota. Secondly, he is blessed by being able to live here in Lake County and in this wonderful district, and thirdly, he is blessed by being a Democrat, and that is enough for anybody. (Applause)

Before I forget it, may I just express a very personal note of thanks to the County Committee, to all of those who have worked so hard to make this great dinner a success, and I want our friends in the ranks of organized labor to know tonight that this candidate for vice-president is proud to know that we have the support, the active support and help of the men and women of the ranks of organized labor, and we thank you, thank you again and again. (Applause)

Permit me just to thank Orville Kincaid and Les Norton and Joe Giaimo and the others. I know what you have done.

By the way, I don't want to forget that we have got an election here in Indiana for Governor, and it is about time that the folks of Indiana buckled down to make sure that the Democratic candidate for governor receives an overwhelming majority, and I am here tonight to say that you have got a good candidate in Roger Branigin. (Applause)

And there isn't any doubt, is there, that you are going to re-elect that fighting senator that works for you day in and day out, Vance Hartke. (Applause)

And Milt Volcks, are you running, too?

Mr. Volcks. No.

Senator Humphrey. Well, I want to say that I surely hope that we will all work together on this ticket.

Ladies and gentlemen, I come here tonight in the spirit of the former and late Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Honorable Sam Rayburn, who for so many years presided over that great body of the people's representatives.

It was Sam Rayburn who said "I am a Democrat, without prefix or suffix and without apology," and that is the kind of a citizen and Democrat that Hubert Humphrey is, proud to be a Democrat, proud to work for our ticket, proud to stand up here tonight and proclaim that we have a man in the White House that deserves on the record to be elected for the next four years. (Applause)

I think it is about time that we took inventory. I think we ought to see whether or not the Democratic Party has kept its faith or kept faith with the promises. I think we ought to examine the record of both of these political parties on the

basis of performance. And let me start right off tonight by saying that four years ago this month Gary, Indiana, wasn't as prosperous as it is tonight, not by a long shot. (Applause)

Four years ago this month of October, in 1960, you wouldn't have read a headline in your Post Tribune that said "Area Unemployment at Record Low." There is the evidence. (Applause) And when I hear our Republican friends, these Goldwaterites, talk about what has happened to America, I wish they would tell you one other thing that has happened, that America is more prosperous tonight, more people are employed tonight at better wages tonight than any other time in the history of the world. (Applause)

Oh, Mr. Goldwater -- (Laughter) -- oh, Mr. Goldwater, he says that --

Voice. Boo!

Senator Humphrey. Oh, don't you do that. We leave that up to the Goldwaterites. We Democrats, we Democrats, we just cheer. We let the Republicans boo. (Laughter -- Applause)

I want you to know that four years ago tonight, four years ago this very month, a man that was leading our Party promised that if he were elected President of the United States, he would get this country moving again. That man was young; he was intelligent; he was dedicated to public service; he was a Democrat; and above all, he was a great American, and he went on to become our President, and he went on to keep every promise he ever made, and I am proud that it was my privilege to know and to work with him, to be one of his legislative lieutenants, and you know of whom I speak, one that America will always remember and be proud of, John Fitzgerald Kennedy. (Applause)

Yes, my friends. Yes, my friends, we went to the people in 1960 and said trust us. We will keep our word.

On January 20, 1961, President Kennedy standing before the nation delivering that memorable inaugural address said to this country, "Let us begin. Let's get this country moving again." He said, "I welcome the responsibility," and ladies and gentlemen, I think if you will just let your minds reflect for a moment, you knew that a new day had come. You felt like a command had been given. You were inspired and all at once America awakened. All at once America started to go to work and for 1,000 dramatic days of the leadership of John Kennedy, America worked day and night to make this a better America, a stronger America, a more prosperous America, a more just America, and we did it, we succeeded. (Applause)

I remind you of these things, my fellow citizens, because in all the hubbub of these weeks of campaigning, sometimes we forget. Sometimes people become so accustomed to progress and prosperity that they forget that once they didn't have it.

And I believe that if we would have the responsibility for political leadership, from a precinct worker to the President of the United States, we owe it to ourselves and we owe it to our community, we owe it to our fellow Americans to remember it wasn't always this good, and to remind others that there are forces in America that would take it away. Would they ever! They would take it away either by direct action or by mismanagement.

Prosperity -- ladies and gentlemen, we have increased the gross national product of this country in less than four years by \$125 billion. That is \$35 billion more than the best year of Republican prosperity back in the 1920's.

We have 73 million Americans working tonight. Per capita income is the highest it has ever been. Corporate profits are the best they have ever been. Dividends are the highest they have ever been. Is it any wonder that the captains of industry today support President Lyndon Johnson?

I will tell you why they support him. For two reasons. First of all, they are frightened to death when they hear the spokesman, the temporary spokesman of the Republican Party. They can't possibly comprehend the possibility of his election. They feel that he would be so uncertain in policy that the prosperity of this land would be jeopardized.

Secondly, they have found in President Johnson and in the Democratic Party a leader and a party and a program that is good for business, good for the worker, good for the consumer, good for the farmer, good for the nation. No wonder they support President Johnson. (Applause)

I was looking at a little sheet of paper that I had here in my pocket before I got up to speak, and I have here a list of bills that long that I thought I might recite, but it takes too much time.

These are just a few of the measures passed by the 87th and the 88th Congress, two of the greatest congresses in the history of this Republic, and your own congressmen right here on this platform and Senator Vance Hartke had a great deal to do with



making this Congress a great success, and in every one of those measures from the Antipoverty bill down to the Alliance for Progress, from the Antipoverty bill to aid to disabled workers, the Senator from Arizona, he voted no, no, no, no, no.

I want to say that boy must have been born saying no.  
(Applause)

No on what? No on the tax cut. No on public works. No on area redevelopment. No on education. No on health for the aged. No on housing. No on hospitals. Just no, no, no.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, the Senator from Arizona says he wants you to have a choice, and believe me you have got one.  
(Applause) (Laughter)

And I want to be very frank with you. The Senator, the temporary spokesman, the temporary spokesman of a fraction of a faction of reaction in the Republican Party -- (Laughter) -- that temporary spokesman, he means what he says. I am not here to dispute his motives or contest them. I do not say that he speaks to you falsely. I say to you that he is telling you what he believes, and for this I respect him.

Frankly, I have said a number of times that I think the Senator from Arizona is a sociable, likable patriotic gentlemen. I think he would make a good neighbor, but I think he would make a terrible president. (Applause)

I just want you to tell your neighbors that this man is not speaking falsely to you. He is not saying things that he doesn't believe. He means every word of it. (Laughter)

Indeed, he does. When he says that he believes that unions ought to be curbed, when he says that he is opposed to giving unions all of the seniority protection they have, he means it.  
(Applause)

And any worker that votes for him ought to know what he is doing.

May I just say here that he also means what he says when he says that education is not the responsibility of government, that it is the responsibility only of the parents, and he said further that some children would be better off if they didn't have education.



He means that, too. And he has demonstrated it by his votes, voting against the National Defense Education Act, voting against the Vocational Training Act, voting against the Manpower Training Act which has helped workers right here in this county, voting against aid to higher education, and every mother and father in this room tonight is hoping that somehow or another her boy or girl may be able to go on to college or to some technical school because you know and I know that the only way that we are going to have opportunities in this land, the pathway to opportunity, in the next generation for that boy that is 10, 12, or 16 years of age, for your daughter, that pathway to opportunity is through education, and yet the Senator from Arizona says no, no. (Applause)

A man who says that he speaks for the Republican Party, one party, the party that was the party of Abraham Lincoln, a man who gave to the world the Emancipation Proclamation, and yet this is the man who today leads that party, the Senator from Arizona, who says that he doesn't believe in equal opportunity under the Constitution. He doesn't want the Constitution applied fairly and equitably to every person in America regardless of section or race or color or creed. That kind of a man is unworthy of Abraham Lincoln's Party, unworthy of the trust. (Applause)

Voice. Pour it on, Hubert.

Senator Humphrey. I will try to do that. (Laughter)

No, my friends, there have been times when I could honestly say -- and I shall speak of it tonight -- that our opposition has disagreed with us only in degree and not on fundamentals, but tonight we are talking about a different campaign. We are talking about a different election. We are talking about a candidate of the opposition who has repudiated by his words, his deeds, and his votes the achievements of 30 years of American public life since the days of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

This is the man, if you please, who asks to lead your country, and they tell me that he has strength and daring. I doubt it. I hope I am right. (Applause)

This is the man, if you please, who refused to vote one time to help our elderly have a better place in which to live, and, ladies and gentlemen, a larger portion of our population every year is older. A larger proportion of our population every year is younger.

This man has voted against the youth of America in education. He has voted against the elderly of America on housing. He voted against the Kerr-Mills bill that would have provided even medical relief, just plain ordinary help to people who were sick and couldn't pay their bills. He voted no. He said he had his own medicare program. (Laughter)

Yes, he did. He said his son-in-law was an intern. (Applause)

Yes. It would be funny if it wasn't so tragic.

This is the man that voted against Social Security Medicare. This is the man that voted against aid to the disabled under Social Security, and this man says "President Johnson misrepresents my views on Social Security." He says, "President Johnson says that I, Barry Goldwater, am opposed to Social Security."

Well, Senator, I don't know how you would interpret it any other way. You voted against Social Security to include the disabled. You voted against the expansion of Social Security. You said Social Security should be voluntary. I think you want to tamper with it, and I don't trust you, Senator. (Applause)

Ladies and gentlemen, you know, I would have thought that an Air Force pilot would have at least been for airports. (Laughter) I did indeed. Mind you, ladies and gentlemen, and may the record for the first time be made clear, the gentleman that represents the opposition has even voted against federal aid for airports. (Laughter)

How in the name of common sense does he expect to land, or doesn't he? (Laughter -- Applause)

And why does he do these things? Why does he do these things? I will tell you. Because he has said that he believes that the Federal Government should get out of a number of activities such as education, agriculture, social welfare, health, community development.

I want to remind the Senator from Arizona that the Constitution says that the first duty of this government is to promote the general welfare. I want to remind him that ever since the beginning of this Republic our governments, federal, state, and local, have represented a partnership.

What we need above all in the presidency of the United

States, my fellow Americans, is a president that understands the great theme of American government, the fact that American government is what Lincoln said it was, a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. And also that government must serve the people.

And yet this is the man who said publicly -- and weigh these words carefully -- that your government in Washington is a greater threat to freedom than the government in Moscow. Anybody that can say that should never be President of the United States. (Applause)

Now, my friends, Republicans and Democrats have long had differences of opinion on which problems are most important or urgent. We may differ as to how we should solve these problems and we may even differ on the time schedule, the pace, of solving the problems. But the truth is that most of us have agreed that there is a need for constant social and economic progress for all Americans. And most of us agree that this is an obligation of the government, an obligation to work with the private sectors, with our voluntary groups, with our state and local government to promote this social and economic progress.

Most of us agree that government should work in partnership with labor, respecting labor and its right to organize and bargain with business, and encourage the free enterprise system of this government and with farmers, to see that they can share in the prosperity of this nation, and with our churches and with our great voluntary groups and organizations.

This has been the tradition of America, and it has been a good one.

We enacted Social Security programs. I never thought that Hubert Humphrey would live to see the day that a man standing for the office of the Presidency of the United States would ever doubt or cast doubt upon Social Security. But I was wrong. In 1964 we had such a man. We have set fair minimum wages and fair working standards for workers, and yet we have a candidate for president on the Republican ticket who voted against the Minimum Wage Law. We have established programs to put our unemployed back to work, and you have a candidate on the Republican ticket that has voted against every single program that was designed to put an unemployed worker back on the job. Every one of them. Tax cut, unemployment compensation, public works, area redevelopment, manpower training, every single program that was designed to give an unemployed man an opportunity

for a job -- this Senator from Arizona voted no.

How in the name of common sense anybody can stand for that is beyond me. We have made plans to turn our cities into better places in which to live, and every mother and father, every boy and girl in this room knows that our cities need remodeling, rebuilding. We have grown out of them. The streets are inadequate. Many of the homes are too old. The business districts need rebuilding. And yet the Senator from Arizona has yet to discuss a single message, to give us a single message on the problems of our cities, and he has voted against every single program in the Congress of the United States in the 12 years that he has been there for cities.

How anybody living in a city can cast a vote in his behalf is a wonder to me.

And may I add that most Americans, Republicans and Democrats alike, most of them have supported the programs that I just mentioned. Most Republicans have voted for these programs and most of the Democrats have voted for them. But not Senator Goldwater! Oh, no. Suddenly Senator Goldwater takes command of a party, and may I say that we ought to talk to our Republican friends. Why is it that so many Republicans this year are voting for President Johnson? Is it because they are not Republicans? Not at all. They are the Republicans. And they are voting for President Johnson because the present leadership of the Republican Party kidnapped that party. It doesn't represent the Republican Party. It represents a group of radicals that are like pirates that have boarded the ship and locked up the crew in chains and have taken over the ship for a short voyage, and it is a voyage that will end in disaster. (Applause)

I repeat from this platform what I have said across this land, that the present temporary leader of the Republican Party is not a Republican. He is surely not a Democrat. He surely is not an independent. He can qualify only for one descriptive word, a radical. One, if you please -- yes, a radical; one who would destroy the past and the achievements of it and one that has an uncertain plan for the future. That is the definition of a radical.

Listen. He does want to repeal the past, and he said so. He said, and I quote him, "I don't want to pass laws, I want to repeal them."

He wants to veto the future. He wants to curb the unions. He wants to end the farm programs. He wants to dissolve REA. He is opposed to aid to education. He wants to reduce opportunities for education. And he casts doubt on Social Security.

I submit that that kind of a leader can only qualify for one descriptive word, "radical." "Radical," my friends, and let's brand them for what they are because America doesn't like radicals, the radicals of the left or the radicals of the right. We don't like them; we don't want them, and we don't need them. (Applause)

Yes, my friends, he wants a weaker presidency, and for this I think he would qualify. (Laughter)

He wants to pack the Supreme Court. He wants to revise the American Constitution. And I submit that these are the plans of a man bent on changing the very fabric of American life. These are the plans of one who can qualify only as a radical in American politics.

Now, two weeks from now, my fellow Americans, two weeks from now you are going to make a decision and your neighbors are going to make that decision. Two weeks from now we must decide whether a small fraction of political radicals will hold the security of the United States in their inexperienced and reckless hands. Two weeks from tonight you must decide whether we shall continue under the proven leadership of President Lyndon Johnson. And you have that choice. The choice is between recklessness and responsibility, between retreat and progress.

And I come here tonight to warn you, enthusiastic Democrats that you are, and fellow citizens, independents, thoughtful Republicans whose Party has been taken from them, that America and this free world cannot afford to gamble with a government in Washington by amateurs, nor with a government that is taken over by radicals.

I come to warn you tonight that these radicals intend to get out the last radical, fanatical vote, and if the responsible, thoughtful people of America do not exercise their right to vote, this election can be lost.

Mark my words, it can be lost, and this country can fall into the hands of people that are irresponsible and have no faith in the future of the American dream. Pray God we don't let that happen. (Applause)



So, my friends, we dare not make a mistake. We cannot possibly take anything for granted. Once you have elected a president for four years, there is no turning back. There is no second choice or second chance. When you elect this next president, you will be determining the future of your country, not for four years, but that President and that Congress will be establishing policies for America that will last for many years.

We are living in a world of perilous times. Everybody knows it. Just this past week changes in government in Russia, atomic explosion in China, another election in Great Britain with another government.

Ladies and gentlemen, we cannot afford to have in the White House someone that doesn't understand the world in which we live, and someone, if you please, that plays war games with nuclear weapons and has a foreign policy of ultimatums, telling people either to do this or suffer the consequences.

That is too dangerous, mother and father. That is too dangerous for your son and your daughter, and it is too dangerous for your country.

We need in the White House someone that understands not only the promise of America, the hopes of our people, but that is dedicated, my dear friends and neighbors, to the cause of a just and an enduring peace.

I have watched this opposition in this campaign. I have watched them play to our prejudices. I have watched them spread distrust and confusion and fear. I have watched them try to arouse our passions. I have watched them pit section against section. I have heard the spokesmen of the Republican Party go to the South and whistle "Dixie," and then come to the North and sing "Yankee Doodle."

Yes, I have heard them. I have heard them pit the East against the West, and I have heard them, as you have, try to put people against people, white against colored, the different groups of our country, ladies and gentlemen.

This kind of an exercise is dangerous, and it can lead to only disaster if we let it succeed.

What we need today is not a spokesman that divides us. We don't need that. What we need today is a leader that unites us. (Applause)



I don't want a man in the White House that has no respect for the ethnic groups of our country, the minorities, who says from the public platform that the minorities rule America. Let me say to this wonderful audience that most of us are the sons and daughters of minorities, and if the immigration laws of America were the kind that Mr. Goldwater wants, his grandfather would have never gotten in. (Applause)

It was right here in this city, it was right here in this city where the spokesman of the opposition spoke of the floodgates of immigration being opened to frightened workers who thought they might lose their job.

Let me say to you that the only law that has ever been proposed by John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson on immigration is one that would have permitted your mother or your father or your sister or your brother to come and join your family if you could provide for them, if they were skilled workers, if they were needed in the American economy, and I say shame, shame upon a political spokesman that would arouse the prejudices and the fears of the American people about immigrants and immigration. We were all immigrants, every one of us, at some time in our lives. (Applause)

It is this kind of wickedness that I deplore. It is this kind of political evil that is being cast about this country. It is this politics of smear and attack upon our President. It is this politics of smear and attack upon the minorities. It is this politics of doubt and mistrust upon our government that I say is unworthy of the leadership of a great political party.

Oh, I would hope and pray that in these final days of this campaign that the opposition would be willing to discuss the issues with us and not to arouse our passions but to encourage our thoughts and our minds. I say in all reverence tonight that we Democrats have an obligation to conduct this campaign on the basis of issues, on the basis of honor, on the basis of integrity, win, lose or draw, and why? Because we are conducting a campaign to see whether or not the American people will ratify the policies and the programs and the achievements and the promises and the commitments of a President that was taken from us and of a President who continues to fight for you and for me, and I think we are going to do it. (Applause)

I want a president that heals our wounds and doesn't oppose them. I want a president who can look at any American and see only an American, not a Catholic, a Protestant, or a Jew, not

white or colored, but a member of the great American society.

I want a president that will welcome anyone into the great American family if he is a decent, good citizen, regardless of the country that he may come from.

I want a president that can look to labor with respect and friendship, can look to business with encouragement and friendship, and I want a president that loves children, that encourages them to education.

I want a president that has compassion for the elderly and the needy, and let me tell you, I want a president that has concern for the afflicted and the sick, and I don't happen to think that compassion is weakness, and I don't think concern for the afflicted is socialism. I think it is good, decent Americanism. (Applause)

So, my fellow Americans, go forth from this hall tonight with a commitment in your heart. Go forth from this hall to make this election a victory for decency, a victory for justice, a victory for progress, a victory for peace, a victory against war itself, a victory against poverty, and a victory for a better America. We have it within our power to do all of this. We the people, we can do it by our votes, and this time let us make it crystal clear to those who are the peddlers of hate, to those who are the purveyors of half-truths, let us make it clear that bigotry and prejudice have no place in America and that those who peddle it will be rebuked for it.

I ask this audience to march with me to elect Lyndon Johnson President of the United States. (Applause)

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